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NORTH COAST DISTRICT DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

For the

April Meeting of the California Coastal Commission

MEMORANDUM

Date: April 11, 2008

TO: Commissioners and Interested Parties
FROM: Peter Douglas, North Coast District Deputy Director
SUBJECT: *Deputy Director's Report*

Following is a listing for the waivers, emergency permits, immaterial amendments and extensions issued by the North Coast District Office for the April 11, 2008 Coastal Commission hearing. Copies of the applicable items are attached for your review. Each item includes a listing of the applicants involved, a description of the proposed development, and a project location.

Pursuant to the Commission's direction and adopted procedures, appropriate notice materials were sent to all applicants for posting at the project site. Additionally, these items have been posted at the District office and are available for public review and comment.

This report may also contain additional correspondence and/or any additional staff memorandum concerning the items to be heard on today's agenda for the North Coast District.

DE MINIMIS WAIVERS

1. 1-08-013-W Michael & Rhonda Wilson (Trinidad, Humboldt County)
2. 1-08-014-W California Department Of Fish & Game, Attn: Kirsten Ramey, Associate Marine Biologist
3. 1-08-016-W Carol & C. J. Ralph (Arcata, Humboldt County)
4. 1-08-018-W Patrick Leo Mc Neil (Eureka, Humboldt County)

TOTAL OF 4 ITEMS

DETAIL OF ATTACHED MATERIALS

REPORT OF DE MINIMIS WAIVERS

The Executive Director has determined that the following developments do not require a coastal development permit pursuant to Section 30624.7 of the California Coastal Act of 1976.

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Project Description</i>	<i>Project Location</i>
1-08-013-W Michael & Rhonda Wilson	Drilling of test well.	3550 Patricks Point Drive, Trinidad (Humboldt County)
1-08-014-W California Department Of Fish & Game, Attn: Kirsten Ramey, Associate Marine Biologist	Conduct surveys within the intertidal zone of Humboldt Bay for the invasive dwarf eelgrass <i>Zostera japonica</i> and manually remove of all <i>Zostera japonica</i> found.	Perimeter & islands of Humboldt Bay
1-08-016-W Carol & C. J. Ralph	Culvert replacement.	7000 Lanphere Road, Arcata (Humboldt County)
1-08-018-W Patrick Leo Mc Neil	Removal of two clusters of several redwood trees each and one single redwood tree that are currently growing within several feet of two existing structure.	3841 Trinity Street, Eureka (Humboldt County)

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NOTICE OF COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT WAIVER

DATE: April 7, 2008
TO: Michael & Rhonda Wilson
FROM: Peter M. Douglas, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Waiver of Coastal Development Permit Requirement:
Waiver De Minimis Number 1-08-013-W

Based on project plans and information submitted by the applicant(s) named below regarding the development described below, the Executive Director of the Coastal Commission hereby waives the requirement for a Coastal Development Permit, pursuant to Title 14, Section 13238 of the California Code of Regulations.

APPLICANT: **Michael & Rhonda Wilson**

LOCATION: **3550 Patricks Point Drive, Trinidad (Humboldt County) (APN(s) 517-071-03)**

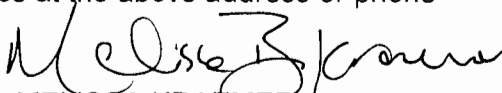
DESCRIPTION: **Drilling of test well.**

RATIONALE: The proposed development involves drilling of a test well for determining the availability of a water source to serve a future planned single family residence on the parcel, which currently is undeveloped except for an existing garage, driveway, and mobile home. Future conversion of the test well to a production well would require additional coastal development permit authorization. The proposed project would not adversely affect coastal resources and is consistent with all applicable Chapter 3 policies of the Coastal Act.

IMPORTANT: This waiver is not valid unless the site has been posted AND until the waiver has been reported to the Coastal Commission. This waiver is proposed to be reported to the Commission at the meeting of Friday, April 11, 2008, in Santa Barbara. If four Commissioners object to this waiver, a coastal development permit will be required.

Persons wishing to object to or having questions regarding the issuance of a coastal permit waiver for this project should contact the Commission office at the above address or phone number prior to the Commission meeting date.

Sincerely,
PETER M. DOUGLAS
Executive Director


By: MELISSA KRAEMER
Coastal Program Analyst

cc: Local Planning Dept.
Creative Realty, Attn: Shanell Beyzade

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TO: California Department Of Fish & Game, Attn: Kirsten Ramey, Associate Marine Biologist
FROM: Peter M. Douglas, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Waiver of Coastal Development Permit Requirement:
Waiver De Minimis Number 1-08-014-W

Based on project plans and information submitted by the applicant(s) named below regarding the development described below, the Executive Director of the Coastal Commission hereby waives the requirement for a Coastal Development Permit, pursuant to Title 14, Section 13238 of the California Code of Regulations.

APPLICANT: California Department Of Fish & Game, Attn: Kirsten Ramey, Associate Marine Biologist

LOCATION: Perimeter & islands of Humboldt Bay


DESCRIPTION: Conduct surveys within the intertidal zone of Humboldt Bay for the invasive dwarf eelgrass *Zostera japonica* and manually remove of all *Zostera japonica* found.

RATIONALE: The objectives of the Humboldt Bay Cooperative Eelgrass Project include: (1) detecting new occurrences of *Zostera japonica* in Humboldt Bay as early as possible; (2) eradicating all *Z. japonica* as quickly as possible; (3) gathering data that will further understanding of the species and help assess the effectiveness of eradication methods; and (4) restoring affected areas to pre-invasion conditions. Sites where *Z. japonica* was discovered previously will be intensively surveyed in the spring of 2008, and all new occurrences of *Z. japonica* will be recorded, sampled, and removed. Survey teams will consist of two to four persons, surveys will be conducted by foot or boat at low tides of 0.6 m MLLW or lower, and survey tracks will be recorded using GPS. At each location where *Z. japonica* is found, data will be collected prior to removal of the plants. The location of each *Z. japonica* patch will be staked with two-foot-long, 1" diameter plastic PVC, which will be removed after follow up surveys are conducted the following year. Follow up surveys and removal of plants beyond the 2008 season will require additional coastal development permit authorization. All *Z. japonica* will be excavated by hand using shovels, and all plant material and associated mud will be placed in heavy-gauge plastic bags and transported off-site for disposal at a landfill. A total of 12 cubic yards (or less) of material is projected to be removed this year. The proposed project will not adversely affect coastal resources and is consistent with all applicable Chapter 3 policies of the Coastal Act.

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TO: Carol & C. J. Ralph
FROM: Peter M. Douglas, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Waiver of Coastal Development Permit Requirement:
Waiver De Minimis Number 1-08-016-W

Based on project plans and information submitted by the applicant(s) named below regarding the development described below, the Executive Director of the Coastal Commission hereby waives the requirement for a Coastal Development Permit, pursuant to Title 14, Section 13238 of the California Code of Regulations.

APPLICANT: Carol & C. J. Ralph

LOCATION: 7000 Lanphere Road, Arcata (Humboldt County) (APN(s) 506-281-03)

DESCRIPTION: Culvert replacement.

RATIONALE: The applicants propose to replace in-kind a 44-foot-long, 15-inch-diameter flap-gate culvert on the west bank (levee) of Mad River Slough. The existing culvert is in need of replacement due to corrosion. The culvert is designed to allow freshwater to exit from the landward side of the levee and to prevent saltwater from entering the agricultural pasturland, which has freshwater ponds that currently have high numbers of red-legged frog and Pacific chorus frog eggs in them. The National Marine Fisheries Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Department of Fish and Game have determined that the proposed project will not adversely affect sensitive fish species including salmonids or tidewater goby. To minimize impacts to sensitive habitat: (1) all work will be conducted during periods of low tide; (2) the excavator will work from the top of the dike, and no digging will occur on the mudflat side of the dike; (3) all excavated material necessary for pipe removal will be backfilled when the new pipe is installed, and no excess spoils will be placed in wetlands of any kind; (4) excavated material will be stockpiled in upland areas only (on top of the levee); (5) a temporary cofferdam will be installed prior to work in the inboard side of the levee to dewater the terminal 15-feet of the ditch and will be removed upon project completion; (6) any bare soils on the inland slope of the levee will be replanted with salvaged clumps of *Deschampsia cespitosa* and *Calamagrostis nutkaensis* and seeded with North Coast Pasture Mix; (7) fueling of the excavator will occur prior to entering property, and no refueling will occur in or near sensitive habitat areas; and (8) the excavator, if necessary, will avoid traversing over soft pasture soils by walking along the top of the upland dike. As proposed, the project will not adversely affect coastal resources and is consistent with all applicable Chapter 3 policies of the Coastal Act.

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FROM: Peter M. Douglas, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Waiver of Coastal Development Permit Requirement:
Waiver De Minimis Number 1-08-018-W

Based on project plans and information submitted by the applicant(s) named below regarding the development described below, the Executive Director of the Coastal Commission hereby waives the requirement for a Coastal Development Permit, pursuant to Title 14, Section 13238 of the California Code of Regulations.

APPLICANT: **Patrick Leo Mc Neil**

LOCATION: **3841 Trinity Street, Eureka (Humboldt County) (APN(s) 015-192-66)**

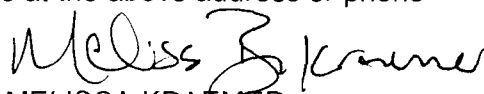
DESCRIPTION: **Removal of two clusters of several redwood trees each and one single redwood tree that are currently growing within several feet of two existing structure.**

RATIONALE: **The trees proposed for removal are hazardous due to rotting, tree roots buckling the residence and garage foundations, and susceptibility to windfall and fire from chimney sparks. The project will incorporate techniques to minimize impacts to wildlife and the environment. Work will be conducted in the summer after the ground has dried out, and all disturbed areas will be reseeded upon project completion. No work will occur within the wetland protection zone surrounding Ryan Slough. Removal of the hazardous trees will not significantly affect the visual landscape, as the project site is surrounded by numerous other redwoods. The proposed project would not adversely affect coastal resources and is consistent with all applicable Chapter 3 policies of the Coastal Act.**

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